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TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES
Under 37 C.F.R. §1.191

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.191, Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of claims 1-29 and 39-49 of the above-referenced application, as set forth in the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004.

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